

MINUTES OF THE SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING  
OF THE  
PROVINCIAL EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
OF NOVA SCOTIA.

*Held in the Assembly Hall of the Normal School, Truro, on  
the 15th and 16th days of July, 1885.*

WEDNESDAY, July 15th, 1885.

The Association met at 10, a. m.

The President, Dr. Allison, Superintendent of Education, took the chair.

On motion of Mr. Smith and Dr. Hall, A. McKay of Halifax was re-elected Secretary.

On motion of Inspector Roscoe and Mr. Smith, A. J. G. McEchen of Halifax, was re-elected Assistant Secretary.

Dr. Allison, Superintendent of Education, on taking the chair, expressed his gratification at being permitted to greet so large and influential a representation of the Educational staff of the Province. He had met with the criticism that organizations like theirs tended, under the guise of professional co-operation, to foster a narrow, clan-nish spirit; that they were, in short, simply contrivances to gain some artificial credit for the teacher and his office. For himself he must confess that in the past history of their own Association and in the character of its exercises and deliberations, he had seen but little to confirm the accuracy of that criticism. Their papers, discussions and recommendations had all manifestly lain in the direction of broad principles affecting the educational well-being of society generally. If they had sought to improve the instrumentalities of education within the Province, their labors had not been directed for the benefit of a particular professional class, but in the interest of the people as a whole. But after all, he was not sure that the charge to which he had referred was one that he need take particular pains to refute. Of course everything selfish and sectional was to be deprecated. Still it was right and beneficial that teachers should seek, within due limits, to

Secretary.  
McECHEN.